

## Voter Ballot Measure Fact Sheet

# King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy

### August 6, 2013 Primary Election

The King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy ballot measure is a property tax levy lid lift that would replace two current park levies that expire at the end of 2013. It would fund operations and maintenance of King County's 200 parks, 175 miles of regional trails, and 26,000 acres of open space, including the Community Partnerships and Grants Program. It would support prioritized investments that include infrastructure repair and replacement; open space acquisition, and trail and trailhead development, as well as fund local city parks and the Woodland Park Zoo.

### King County Proposition No. 1

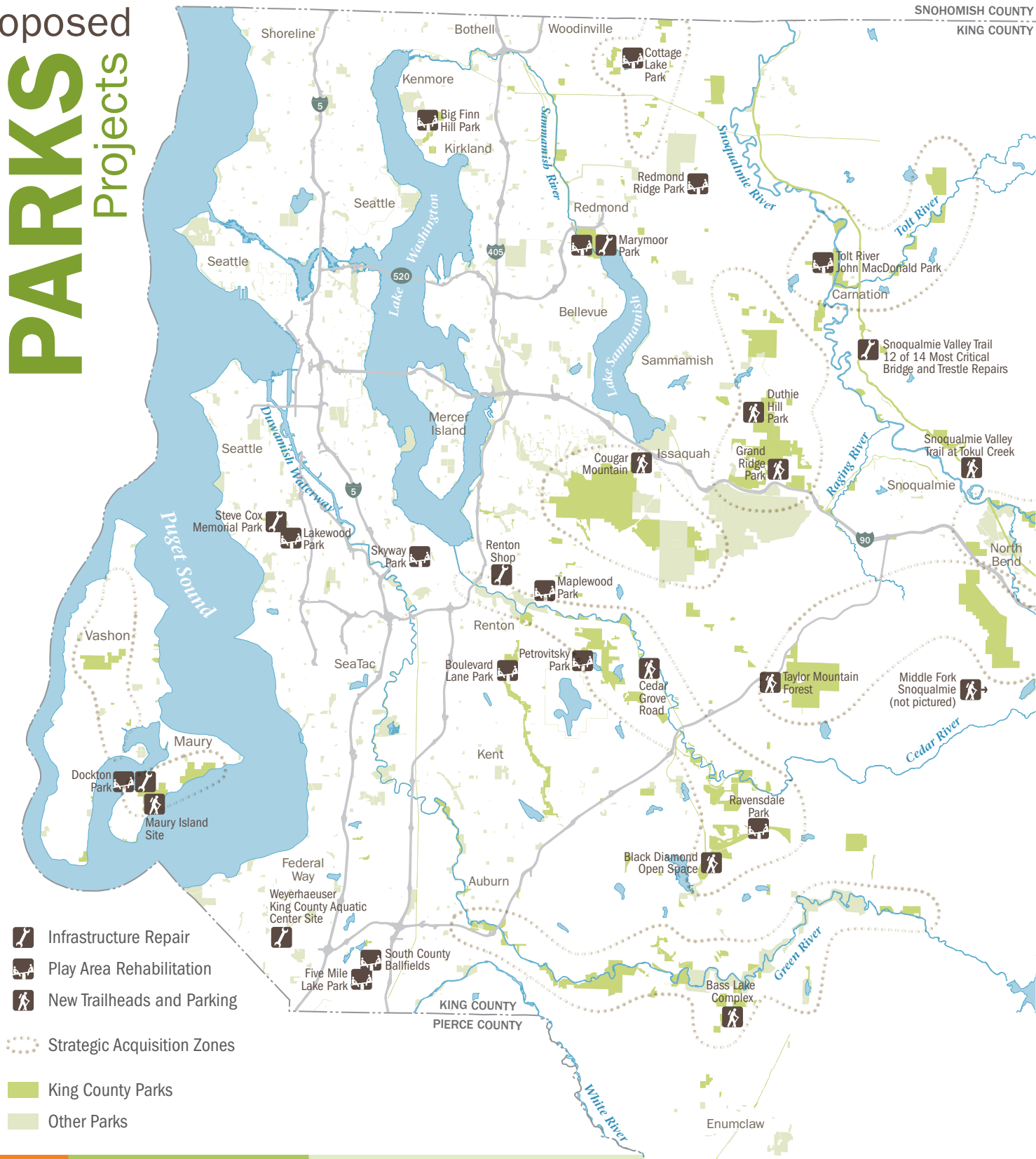
#### Levy for parks, trails, and open space

The King County council has passed Ordinance 17568 concerning funding for parks, trails, recreational facilities and open space. This proposition would replace two expiring levies and fund maintenance and operations of the King County parks system; trails and open space for recreation, habitat and water quality; city parks; and zoo programs, all subject to citizen oversight. This proposition authorizes an additional property tax of \$0.1877 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2014 and authorizes increases by the annual percentage change in the CPI or the limitation in 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater, for five succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

- ☐ Approved?  
☐ Rejected?



2014-2019  
**PARKS**  
Proposed Projects



## 2014-2019 Levy: Proposed Projects

acquire an estimated  
**2,700**  
acres of parklands

# construct 11 trailheads

# repair or replace facilities

**5** at sites

rehabilitate  
**13**  
play areas



# 2014-2019 Proposed TRAIL Projects

SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
KING COUNTY



2014-2019 Levy:

Proposed Projects continued

Leverage resources through  
Community Partnerships & Grants Program



repair or  
replace

14

bridges & trestles  
on regional trails

design or construct

14

regional trail  
connections



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## King County Parks Levy Task Force

In 2011, King County Parks conducted a county-wide customer satisfaction initiative to determine the levels of public satisfaction with the services currently provided by King County Parks and to develop a better understanding of the region's future parks and recreation needs and what roles King County can play in meeting those needs. Those findings were shared with the citizen-based King County Parks Levy Task Force, a panel of business and civic leaders that was appointed and convened by the King County Executive in June 2012. The Task Force's recommendations informed the King County Executive's proposal to fund the future of King County's system, and ultimately, provided the basis for the proposition approved by the King County Council for the August 6, 2013 primary election ballot.

## About King County Parks

**King County Parks – Your Big Backyard** provides regional and rural parks, trails, natural area parks, and recreational facilities, supported by partnerships and entrepreneurial initiatives. Some 5 million visitors use King County's parks and trails every year to hike, mountain bike, ride horses, commute to work or school, walk the dog, have a picnic, or simply enjoy nature.



**Election Day is August 6, 2013**

For more information, visit  
[www.kingcounty.gov/parks/levy](http://www.kingcounty.gov/parks/levy).

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